

RAIL PROFIT HITS 6 PER CENT MARK

March Returns Show Revival
of Prosperity.

BUSINESS PICKUP LOOMS

Study of Country-Wide Situation
Indicates That Better Times
Are Just Ahead.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—(Special.)—The railroads of the United States sped into the promised land of prosperity last month, according to scores of financial returns pouring daily into the offices of the interstate commerce commission. The roads had hoped to earn net profits at the rate of 6 per cent. The chances are that as a whole they have exceeded their hopes.

One hundred and thirty roads, operating 150,000 miles of line—about 65 per cent of the total—earned net during the month about \$80,000,000. In March, 1921, the earnings of the same roads totaled \$15,000,000. The prospects are that total earnings for the entire country will approximate \$90,000,000. According to the interstate commerce commission's calculations, based on the seasonal variation of traffic, they had to earn but \$85,000,000 to reach the 6 per cent goal.

March Prosperous Month.

The month of March, therefore, will make the first time the roads will have touched the 6 per cent rate since they were returned to private control. They have approached it before, but never attained it. Attainment of the goal at this time is regarded by officials here as indicative of the general swing of the entire country back to normal time.

At the same time officials are mindful that the big March earnings are due in great measure to the unusual heavy volume of the coal traffic which was handled in March in anticipation of the strike. This traffic moved earnings up many notches above what they would have been with normal coal loadings. In April, because of the low coal loadings, have dropped 100,000 cars a week below the March level. April earnings, therefore, will not equal those of March, and probably will drop considerably below the 6 per cent rate.

Business Revival Likely.

Instances of a tremendous business revival, however, are shown in comparative earnings of individual roads received by the commission within the past 48 hours.

The Pennsylvania railroad, for instance, earned last month more than \$10,000,000 net, as compared with \$2,500,000 in March, 1921. The Long Island railroad turned a deficit of \$125,000 in March, 1921, into net earnings of \$25,000 in March, 1922. The Southern railway earned \$1,250,000 as compared with \$25,000 in March a year ago. The Baltimore & Ohio increased its net earnings by more than 20 per cent, showing a total for last month of nearly \$3,100,000.

One of the most remarkable comebacks staged by an individual road was that of the Philadelphia & Reading. Last month its net earnings were \$1,465,000, as compared with a deficit of \$53,000 in March, 1921. In the middle west the Chicago & Alton duplicated the feat on a smaller scale, turning a deficit of \$39,000 into net earnings of \$509,000. The Erie railroad likewise shows a change from a deficit of \$27,465 in March, 1921, to net earnings of \$1,666,000 last month. Properly was not sectional in the case of the railroads. The Northern Pacific, for instance, made \$261,000 net in March, 1921; last March it made \$1,160,000. The Boston & Maine lost \$111,000 in March, 1921, but last month they made a profit of \$840,000. Coal had little to do with its prosperity. The Hager & Aroostook increased its net earnings more than 200 per cent; the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific more than 250 per cent; the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul made more than \$1,000,000 profit against a deficit of \$176,000, and the Great Northern's profits were \$1,077,000 as compared with a loss of \$460,000 12 months previously.

These showings were made possible by two factors: increased revenues and lessened operating expenses. The revenue increase for the 130 carriers mentioned in the foregoing was about 5 per cent over revenues for March, 1921, and the reduction in operating costs was about 9 per cent.

Some Roads Losing.

Notwithstanding the general trend toward greatly increased earnings, some few roads still continued to operate at a loss. In those cases, however, almost without exception the amount of the deficit was greatly reduced. The case of the Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Western is a fair illustration, with a deficit of \$300 last month as against \$70,000 in March, 1921.

Business generally continued to pick up. Car loadings, other than coal, decreased somewhat in the case of grain, but showed more than balancing increases in the case of merchandising, miscellaneous freight and forest products.

The check on rising values on the New York stock exchange, sustained during the week, is regarded as temporary. The plans of values in many points above the plane of 12 months ago and recessions are not expected. An abundant supply of money, which contributed greatly to the activity in security trading, still continues.

Loans by national banks increased by more than \$125,000,000 during the week, the federal reserve statement shows, and deposits moved up approximately \$64,000,000 over the figures a week previously.

As a corollary to the trend toward prosperity, prices have moved upward in iron, steel, gasoline, building costs, farm products, wool and some manufactured commodities. The upward movement, while slight, is distinct and bids fair to continue.

WHITE HOUSE BARS PARTY

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he said, was first, against general amnesty and second, no consideration would be given except where there were some peculiar circumstances unless the prisoner personally made application for clemency and was properly impressed with the punishment he had received and had learned to respect the laws of the land.

He was aware, he said, that in all criminal cases it was the innocent families of the offenders who suffer most.

"Do not think because it is the attorney-general he has no heart," he said. "I want to be kind to you but sometimes a man judging has to restrain his heart."

Attorney and Woman Argue.

In many of the "improperly called political prisoners," he declared, it was found that the prisoners would not appeal for clemency because they recognized no law and would not sacrifice their "principles." For this class, he said, no recommendation would be made to the president. Mrs. O'Hare based her appeal on the "desire of the nation to get back to normal" and that nothing "can be achieved by continuing war-time punishment."

All of the prisoners she was pleading for, she said, were convicted for "expressions of opinion" and none had committed overt acts against the government. Now that the war was over, she added, she thought the president could well afford to be lenient, asserting that all other nations had liberated "political prisoners."

Several times Mr. Daugherty and Mrs. O'Hare engaged in argument, at one time calling forth from the attorney-general the remark that it would do no good to argue a point as he already had well-defined views on the subject.

SARDIS IS TO BE DUG UP

PRINCETON PROFESSOR IS TO
UNEARTH ANCIENT CITY.

Fabled Treasure of Croesus Is Said
to Be Buried There; Science
Is Object of Search.

NEW YORK, April 29.—(Special.)—Professor Howard C. Butler of Croton Falls is en route, it was learned today, to Sardis, in Asia Minor, where the fabled treasure of Croesus is said to be buried, to undertake excavations which are expected to unearth the wealthy city of Sardis.

Professor Butler, who will conduct the search of the buried ruins of Sardis for Princeton university, made it clear before starting for Constantinople that he is not going in quest of treasure. He is making the trip in the interest of science and history.

He excavated in Asia Minor a few years ago, but the work was interrupted by the European war. Excavators and engineers he sent ahead of him have uncovered five old coins, marble statues and wonderful pottery in Sardis. Professor Butler also has found a marble temple buried in the ruins. Some of the excavators expect to find much wealth in the city, which was destroyed three times before finally buried. Professor Butler expects to remain at the ruins for several months.

DEGREES GIVEN TO EIGHT

John Barrett Among Men Honored
at Pan American Conference.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 29.—Eight honorary degrees of doctor of laws have been conferred by the board of trustees of the University of Southern California in connection with the Pan-American conference being held here to mark the inauguration of Dr. Rufus Bernhard von Klein Smid as president of that institution.

Those receiving the degrees were Cornelius Cole, Los Angeles, ex-United States senator from California; and a friend of Abraham Lincoln; Dr. Jose M. Galvez, University of Chile; Jose Vasconcelos, secretary of education in the cabinet of President Obregon, Mexico City; Dr. Norman Bridge of Los Angeles and Chicago; John Barrett, ex-director-general of the Pan-American union; O. L. Cook, executive secretary of the Mexican American Scholarship foundation, Mexico City; Dean Frank M. Porter of the college of law, University of Southern California, and Dr. George F. Bovard, president emeritus of the university.

BLANTON TO HAVE RIVAL

Former Texas Representative Announces Candidacy for Congress.

ABILENE, Tex., April 29.—Ex-Representative Callaway of Comanche, in a telegram received here today, announces his candidacy for congress from the 17th district.

Brownsville Gets Convention.

BROWNVILLE, Or., April 29.—The Lincoln County Christian Endeavor association will meet next year at Brownsville. This was decided by the association at Harborsburg at the annual session. Delegates who were in attendance said that Halsey, with 16 registered delegates, was awarded a banner for good attendance and Brownsville was second to Halsey.

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HUSBAND BLAMES SPIRITS

WILLIAM B. HASSEL SUES
WIFE FOR DIVORCE.

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Home to Find Place Where Soul
Can Develop Freely.

Spirits have come between William B. Hassel and his wife Helen, he complains in a suit for divorce filed in the circuit court yesterday. Their interference in the domestic relations of the Hassels progressed to such a point that Mrs. Hassel finally told her husband that she had become emancipated and was independent of him. She was convinced that when fully developed spiritually she could produce children through will power, he charged.

"I am going through a process of evolution and have passed the stage where I desire or need the companionship of a man," she told her husband. It was averted, and on March 1, 1922, left him "for good" with the startling information that she believed she could "progress further" by living in seclusion.

The Hassels were married in Minneapolis, Minn., October 30, 1915. Hassel went into the army in 1913 and was discharged in January, 1919, coming to Portland to live. He noted a change of attitude in his wife after they had been here a short time, as she became an ardent spiritualist, according to his complaint. She began spending days and nights with mediums and became a believer in telepathy, occult sciences and mysticism.

\$5000 STAKED ON PLEDGE

Legacy Goes to Grandson if He
Does Not Swear or Smoke.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 29.—The will of Dr. Barton C. Hagerman, filed for probate here, contained the proviso that his grandson, Campbell Hagerman Watson, was to receive \$5000 on his twenty-first birthday if he "kept his promise" to his dead grandfather "not to swear or smoke until then." The grandson is now 14 years old. The estate was valued at \$25,000 and consists chiefly of property at Lexington, Ky., where Dr. Hagerman formerly lived.

RIGHT TO ARREST UPHELD

Court Rules "Suspect" Detained
by Police Has No Redress.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 29.—A police officer has a right to arrest a person "on suspicion" and to hold him for a reasonable length of time for investigation, it was ruled by Judge Wood of the Los Angeles superior court.

The ruling was made in the suit of a marine against two Los Angeles detectives, asking \$5000 damages for false arrest.

Republicans Lay Plans.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—The method of selecting delegates to the state convention at Chehalis June 30 will be determined at a called meeting of the Grays Harbor county republican central committee to be held in Aberdeen city hall May 15 at 2 o'clock. Grays Harbor is entitled to 22 delegates at the state convention.

Governor Names Hood River Pastor

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—Rev. W. H. Boddy, pastor of Riverside community church, has received notice from Governor Olcott of his appointment as chairman for Hood River county of the Oregon Scenic Preservation association. Rev. Mr. Boddy will appoint members of his committee himself.

Cantata to Be Presented.

REDMOND, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—The Redmond Choral society will present the cantata "The Rose Maiden" at the school gymnasium Monday evening. The members of the society, 70, have been preparing for the cantata for several months. It is directed by Paul Irvine. Mrs. M. A. Cunningham is accompanist. Soloists are Mrs. C. H. Irvine, contralto, and William A. Lynch, basso.

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